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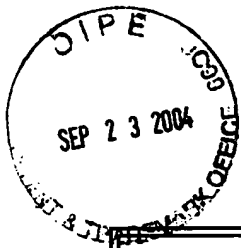
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Filed:	September 22, 2003	Examiner:	Unassigned
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING A BENEFICIAL AGENT INTO AN EXPANDABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

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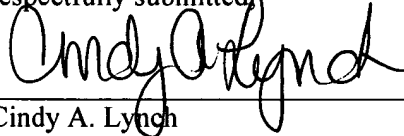
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